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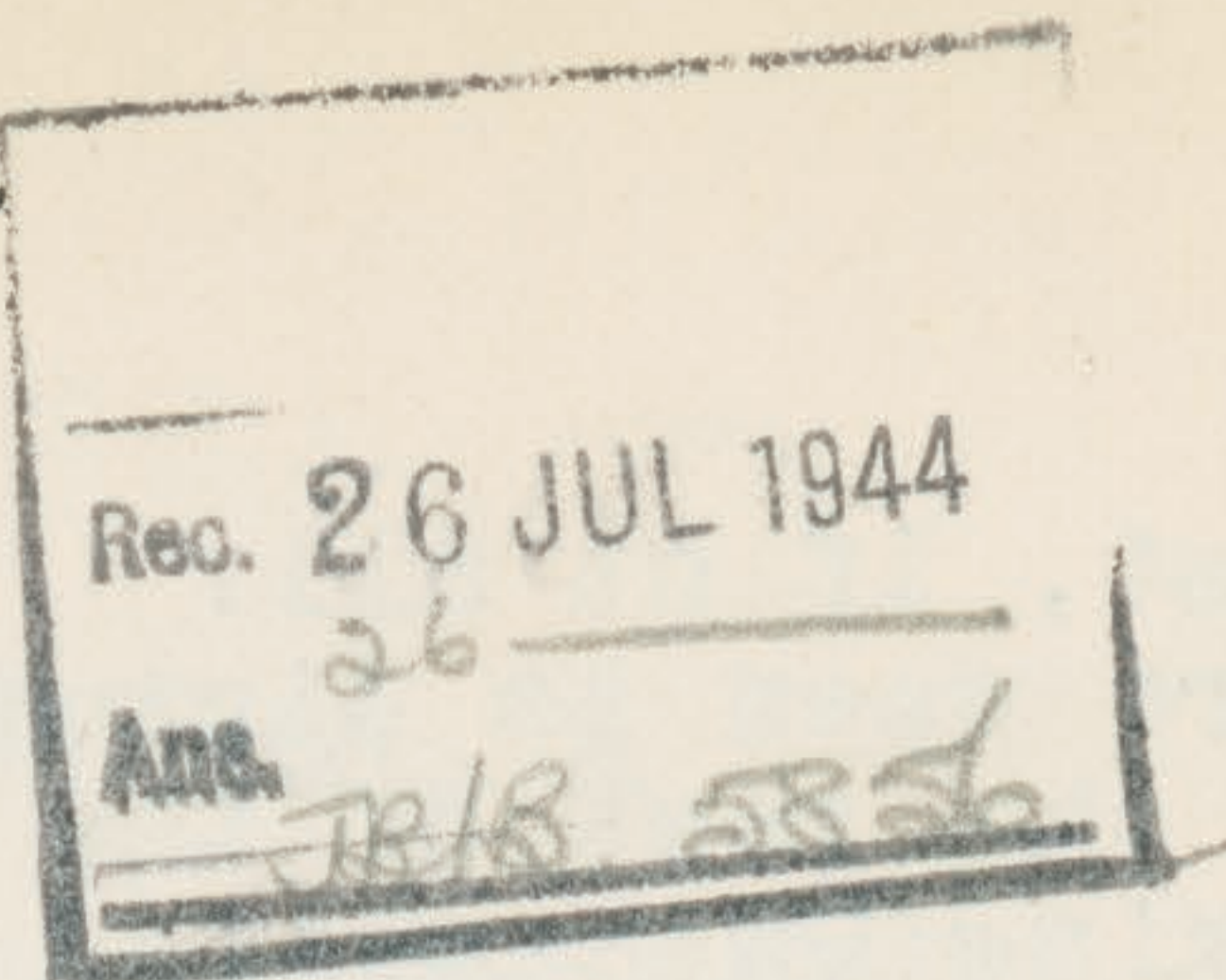
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24th July, 1944.

Dear Brereton,

I am enclosing certificate of supervision and think that the best way of putting before you the difficulties caused by air raid alerts is to enclose a list of the papers showing which were taken entirely upstairs without interruption, those where the candidates had to move down to shelter after starting upstairs, and those which were done entirely in the shelters.

I do not think I have anything much to add to the forecast I made in writing to you before the examinations started. The principal trouble the candidates had to contend with was undoubtedly the cumulative effect of interrupted sleep at home aggravated to different degrees in different cases by the nervous state of their parents and the conditions of sleep in shelters. Boys mostly seemed to have been sleeping down stairs or in shelters with their parents and inevitably did not go to bed as early as they should have done. This cumulative lack of sleep seemed to me to show itself notably in the condition of the candidates on Friday, July 14th, but it may be that I was influenced in forming this opinion by the indignation I felt about the School Certificate paper Latin I when I was invigilating the weaker School Certificate form. I shall be writing separately about this as it seemed to me an ill-timed piece of cleverness. I am told also that the character of the Arithmetic paper No. 30 was the worst possible opening for School Certificate candidates at any time and emphatically so in the present conditions.

I have attempted to sound one or two parents whom I have met about what the boys said at home about working in the shelter and the only common complaint appears to have been the lack of clocks. As soon as this was discovered the invigilators gave out the time every quarter of an hour. On the whole I should judge that the papers which were interrupted by the procession downstairs suffered